



24th June 2025

Dear Parent / Carer,

I would like to take the Years 10 and 11 GCSE Textiles students, as well as the A Level Fashion and Textiles students to the Knitting and Stitching show at Alexandra Place on Thursday 9th of October 2025. The trip is not compulsory.

The purpose of this visit is to develop further a pre-existing passion for textiles and a deeper understanding of the subject by visiting exhibitions and meeting exhibitors and suppliers. Students will be able to see the work of university students, which will also show them how they can develop their studies and work into a career.

We will be taking a coach of students, with a maximum capacity of 45. We will leave school at 8.45 am and the estimated return time is 5.30 pm. You will need to make arrangements for your child to get home from school at that time. The journey will take approximately one hour; therefore, if your child requires sickness medication, please ensure they have taken this prior to arrival at school. The venue car park is located next to the building itself; there are no roads to cross.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £27 for this trip, to cover travel and entry. No student will be penalised should their parent/carers be unable or unwilling to pay. However, the trip may not be able to go ahead if there are insufficient contributions.

If you would like your child to attend the trip, please log on to WisePay to make any voluntary contribution and to complete the MS Consent Form by Monday 30th June. The trip will then be closed.

Students will be escorted to the venue by three members of staff. The trip is being led by Mrs Clark and will be accompanied by Mrs Wright and Miss Anderson; both Mrs Clark and Miss Anderson have experience of attending the exhibition and knowledge of the venue itself. Students will be guided around the first hall. We will arrange a meeting point for all students to gather then students will be allowed to explore the exhibition freely in groups of at least 3. Should the students get lost, they can contact the emergency telephone number that will be provided on the day and a member of staff will be stationed at a point shown to all students.

Students are not expected to wear school uniform on this trip. However, we recommend they wear some comfortable shoes and bring a bag should they wish to purchase anything.

There are opportunities to buy food and drink at the venue but, as is to be expected, this is a higher cost than standard lunch venues. Therefore, we suggest bringing a packed lunch. There are many stall holders at the event selling craft items, including yarn, fabric, printing materials, patterns, and embroidery threads. Should

your child wish to bring some money for the event they are welcome to do so. Please be aware many vendors operate a “cash-less” system.

Students will need to look after their belongings and take care of personal items, such as cash and mobile phones. This is a public venue that will have a lot of visitors; extra care will be needed.

This trip aims to be inclusive of all students, regardless of special educational, medical or other needs.

Students will be representing Great Marlow School and therefore will need to ensure they are always on their best behaviour, as I am certain they will be. In the unlikely event of poor behaviour, this will be addressed and contact home will be made where necessary. Students will be expected to catch up on any work missed.

Best wishes,

Mrs Clark